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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Official Action dated January 31, 2001, paper No. 7, (petition is hereby made for a one month extension of time), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 13 and 14 as directed to non-elected subject matter.

Add the following new claims

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15. (New) An injectable, stable, sterile, and antimicrobial aqueous dispersion comprising a water-insoluble microdroplet matrix of mean diameter from about 50 nm to about 1000 nm capable of substantially limiting or inhibiting the growth of microorganisms and consisting essentially of about 1% to about 15% of propofol,

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